

of the population. But as far as our own time is concerned over-population in Britain has already done irreparable harm—witness the oceans of badly designed and shoddily constructed "houses" which litter our once lovely countryside.

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Sex Education

To the Editor, Eugenics Review

SIR,—The following experience may be of interest. During the early days of the "Blitz" I gave shelter to six lads, aged 12-14, evacuated from one of the poorest districts of Birmingham. When they arrived they were indescribably dirty and primitive in many ways; but soon learnt to adapt themselves to civilized life, even to sitting down to their meals!

As was natural they showed great interest in the animals on my farm. Among other strange questions I was asked why I kept a bull if he gave no milk. I answered that he was the father of the calves, and left it at that for the time being. Soon afterwards, while we were together in a field, the boys saw the bull serve one of his cows. As far as I could observe they either did not understand what was going on, or were too "modest" to remark on it. I am inclined to think the former conjecture the right one. However that may be, it seemed clear that these lads had not the knowledge of the "facts of life" which, considering their ages, and the kind of homes from which they came, might reasonably have been expected.

These happenings suggest that the need for sex education, so ably maintained by Mr. Cyril Bibby (whose paper as a biologist and former school-master I greatly appreciate), goes down to the lowest strata of our population.

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